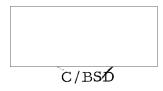
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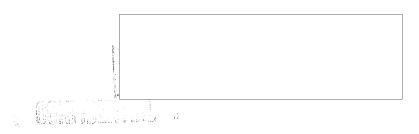
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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

BUREAU OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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President Government Employees Health Association P. O. Box 463 Washington 4, D. C.

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Dear

The books and records of the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company at Omaha, Nebraska, and the General Agent at Washington, D. C. applicable to the Government Employees Health Association operations under its health benefit plan were examined in accordance with Section 11(b) of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959 and Section 4.9 of Contract CS 1065 with the United States Civil Service Commission for the third contract period ended October 31, 1963. Copies of the report on the examination are enclosed.

As a result of the examination covering the second contract period, certain adjustments were recommended which were properly incorporated into the Annual Accounting Statement for the second contract period. As noted in the report, certain adjustments for the third contract period are to be included in the Annual Accounting Statement for the fourth contract period. These have been discussed and agreed upon by responsible representatives of the Underwriter and members of my staff.

With reference to the contract provision that specifies "the Carrier will preserve records relating to a contract period for three years after the close of the contract period to which they relate," we recognize that the cost of maintaining inactive supporting paid claim records after review by the U. S. Civil Service Commission for possible review by the U. S. General Accounting Office is an added expense to your Plan -- I am referring to such documents as hospital, doctor, nurse and other bills that are normally maintained in claim files. Under the contract provision the first contract period records may be destroyed after November 1, 1964; however, if your plan

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no longer requires the supporting records relating to the second contract period, I waive the contract's provision for the preservation of these records. This proposal is not a permanent amendment to the contract or to a disposal program; but rather a means to permit destruction of claim records for the second contract period at this time if they are no longer required for claims administration.

Please express my appreciation to representatives of the Underwriter and the Agent for the courtesy and cooperation accorded to the members of my staff during the examination.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew E. Ruddock

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Director

Enclosure

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REPORT ON EXAMINATION

OF

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HEALTH ASSOCIATION

COMPRACT CS 1065

FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1962 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1963

Systems and Audits Office
Bureau of Retirement and Insurance
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C. 20415

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REFORT ON EXAMINATION

OF

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HEALTH ASSOCIATION

CONTRACT CS 1065

FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 1, 1962 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 1963

The Government Employees Health Association, an employee organization with headquarters in Washington, D. C., entered into Contract CS 1065 with the United States Civil Service Commission under Section 4(3) of the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959 to offer its members an indemnity-type health benefits plan. This contract became effective July 1, 1960. Representatives of the Commission examined the Plan's accounting statement and the supporting records of the Underwriter and its General Agent as of October 31, 1963 for the contract period then ended.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Since the Plan is of the employee organization type, enrollments for benefits of the Plan are available to all persons who qualify as members of the Government Employees Health Association (hereinafter referred to as the Association).

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The contract is administered by the Association and underwritten by the Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company of Omaha, Nebraska. Subscription charges received by the Association are transmitted to the Underwriter. Certification of eligibility and adjudication and payments of claims is accomplished by employees of the Association; and the Underwriter, in accordance with its policy, provides such financial and statistical reports as required by the Commission.

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Claims were generally adjudicated and paid promptly; the books and records of the Underwriter were maintained under generally accepted accounting principles; and, charges to the Plan were maintained below the maximum monetary limitation as specified by the terms of the contract; however, certain adjustments to these charges are necessary as a result of the examination.

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ACCOUNTING SPATEMENT

The Plan's accounting statement and supporting schedules as submitted to the Commission appear under Exhibits A and B and the adjustments to the statement and supporting schedules appear under Appendices A and B.

